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TO Chief, IO INFO EE, SR, COS/G		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 200-124-39/3	
FROM Chief of Base, Munich		DATE 29 December 1958	
SUBJECT DIDORIC/QKACTIVE/REDWOOD/LCIMPROVE/Operations Colonel Georgiy Iliyitch ANTONOV		RE: "43-3" - (CHECK "X" ONE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKED FOR INDEXING <input type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
ACTION REQUIRED None. For your information.		DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	
REFERENCE(S) MUNI 1594, dated 18 December 1958		SOURCES METHODSEXEMPTION 3B2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007	
<p>1. Reports have recently been circulating in Munich emigre circles about possible contacts of Colonel Georgiy Iliyitch ANTONOV with the Soviets, as well as about ANTONOV's probable intentions of redefecting to the Soviet Union. The chief sources of this information as it has been made known to Munich Base are AEFANFARE and []</p> <p>2. For REDWOOD LCIMPROVE reporting on this matter please see paragraph 2, Attachment C, to EGMA 38430; paragraph 2(a), Attachment A, to EGMA 38971; and paragraph 1, Attachment B, to EGMA 38971. MUNI 1594 also reported the gist of a most recent report by AEFANFARE on ANTONOV.</p> <p>3. A detailed story concerning ANTONOV's plight was provided us by [] in Attachment A to EGMA 38971. The immediate source of this information was Alexei PETROS who in turn obtained it from Nikolai LYSENKO and Gleb UMOV. Both LYSENKO and PETROS are known to dislike ANTONOV. According to the account PETROS gave to Tetrick, the ANTONOV case is already being handled by Gleb UMOV, whom PETROS identifies as an AIS agent handler, but who is known to Munich Base as an UPSWING worker since 1941.</p> <p>A. The substance of [] report regarding ANTONOV's contact with the Soviets includes the allegation that during the last half year Subject has met a Soviet agent identified as Colonel Fedr Nikolaevich DOMBROVSKIY who resides in the Soviet Zone and who comes to West Germany from Berlin by airplane.</p> <p>B. Besides the DOMBROVSKIY contacts ANTONOV is supposed to have received letters from General VISHNEVSKY, the new Chairman of the Committee for the Return to the Homeland. Subject is also supposed to have received at least one letter from his daughter who is a chemist in the USSR and who visited the Worlds Fair at Brussels during the summer. ANTONOV denies that he met his daughter in Brussels and although he himself attended the Fair, he insists that he was there at a different time than was his daughter. He does admit having received a letter from her, but denies that this letter was brought by Jurier. However, during the conversation on this subject, he is supposed to have used the term "when the letter was brought to me." According to Tetrick's report ANTONOV did not mention receipt of correspondence to RNOBSERVE as he would have been expected to do.</p> <p>C. Another item that [] records in his report is that UMOV visited Subject on 24 October and flatly asked him about DOMBROVSKIY. ANTONOV is said to have been extremely shocked and to have turned white at this confrontation.</p> <p>4. In Attachment B to EGMA 38971 a number of pertinent items are recorded. Among these AEFANFARE reports from Mikhail Andreevich ANTONOV that Georgiy ANTONOV was visited by Ivan OVCHINNIKOV on the eve of the latter's repatriation. Apparently the visit was a long one because Subject failed to keep an appointment with Konstantin KROMIADI scheduled two hours after OVCHINNIKOV was known to have come to the SBONR Headquarters to talk to Subject.</p> <p>A. Konstantin KROMIADI himself reports that Subject told him in a depressed mood and in strict confidence that last August by barest mischance he had missed meeting his daughter who had come from the Soviet Union to visit the Worlds Fair. By a quirk of fate Subject had been in Brussels at the very time his daughter was there, but because a letter she had sent him was improperly addressed he did not learn of her presence at the Fair until after his own return</p>			
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to Munich. In describing this incident to KROMIADI, ANTONOV said bitterly that he would walk to Brussels if he could but meet his daughter there.

B. Mikhail ANTONOV also has told AEFANFARE that on the 25th of November Georgiy confessed to Mikhail in confidence that the RIS is hunting and pressuring him. He added no further details. He did admit, however, that he had received a letter from Ivan OVCHINNIKOV since the latter's repatriation. Reading aloud from portions of OVCHINNIKOV's letter, ANTONOV related that both ILYINSKY and OVCHINNIKOV had been well received in Berlin and had no fears for their future. OVCHINNIKOV lamented the fact that Subject was remaining in the West.

C. Subject explained to AEFANFARE during another personal conversation on 2 December 1958 that he had received a letter on 17 September 1958 allegedly from a Soviet electro-engineer at the Brussels Fair. The author of this letter is supposed to have studied with ANTONOV's daughter at the Voronezh Institute. The letter asked ANTONOV to come to Brussels and enclosed a picture of Subject's daughter. ANTONOV avows that he destroyed the letter.

D. On 18 December AEFANFARE reported to [] his Munich Base case officer that it was entirely possible that ANTONOV would redefect at almost any time. Subject was extremely depressed, according to AEFANFARE, and he seemed to be particularly lonesome for his daughter in the Soviet Union. Subject gave AEFANFARE the impression of an old Soviet emigre who felt there was no longer anything left for him in the West during the relatively few remaining years of his life span. Subject spoke to AEFANFARE in hopeful terms about the treatment that might be accorded him should he return to the Soviet Union. He reasoned that the terms of the Soviet Amnesty would extend to his case.

5. Another factor which may be contributing to Subject's depression is the fact that he has been losing prestige and stature among members of the emigration and particularly among those who belong to the SBONR organization. He probably fears that he will not be re-elected as Chairman because of the deficiencies of his leadership. These deficiencies may largely be ascribed to ANTONOV's excessive drinking.

6. Munich Base has no intention at the present time of becoming involved in any LCIMPROVE type operation with Subject because of the many complexities in this case and because of the inherent instability in the man himself. Through [] we have passed word to [] that ANTONOV is fretting about redefection. One of the primary reasons for going directly to [] rather than to [] or RNOBSERVE with this matter is that Subject has confided to AEFANFARE that he has no particular confidence in either [] or RNOBSERVE—especially the latter, whom he appears to dislike rather strongly. On the other hand, Subject seems to respect [] and to have some regard for him; therefore, we have alerted [] and suggested that he may want to talk to ANTONOV to bolster him against redefection and possibly to offer him some news tasks to perform which might get him out of his present rut.

7. Besides the above reports which came to our attention, RNOBSERVE has written a memorandum on this same subject. We are attaching this memorandum under separate cover for your information.

Approved [] [] [] []

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SEPARATE COVER ATTACHMENT

TO EGMA 39070

(COL) GEORGIY ILIYITCH ANTONOV Soviet

MEMORANDUM TO:

Security Officer

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December 4, 1958. Reported.

FROM:

Asst. to Director of

Emigre Relations

EMIGREE HAS been

as HAVING CONTACTS WITH

THE RIS IN his Apartment

SUBJECT:

Col. Antonov (SBONR) - Rumors re. Possible Ties with Soviets and Redefection.

might Re-defecting to USSR.

SOURCES:

V. Larionov, A. Petros, I. Repnikov and Personal Observations.

Since Antonov's visit to the Brussels World's Fair, consistent rumors have kept up in emigre circles concerning his alleged contacts and correspondence with the Soviets.

The following unverified rumors have come to our attention:

- 1st - Visit by "Soviet agent" late this summer or early fall.
- 2nd - Correspondence with Maj. Gen. Vishnevsky.
- 3rd - Contacts with Lt. Ovchinnikov.

Rumor No. 1 deals with a visit to Antonov's apartment (Auenstr. 21) by a "Soviet agent" named Dembrovsky (?). This person allegedly talked to Antonov at length and turned over to him letters from his long lost daughter.

The second rumor is based on remarks made by Col. Antonov in front of several of his colleagues in September or October (Mikhail Antonov, Alexei Petros, etc.). It is said that Antonov, under the influence of alcohol, told them - "Well, nobody gives a damn about me here, but Gen. Vishnevsky writes - 'Esteemed Giorgiy Iliyitch, we regard you highly'". (approximate quotation)

It is further rumored that a day or two before his departure for East Berlin, Ovchinnikov visited Antonov's apartment. We knew previously that Ovchinnikov and Antonov, while not particularly close, engaged in joint drinking bouts and common criticism of the Germans, Americans and TSOPE.

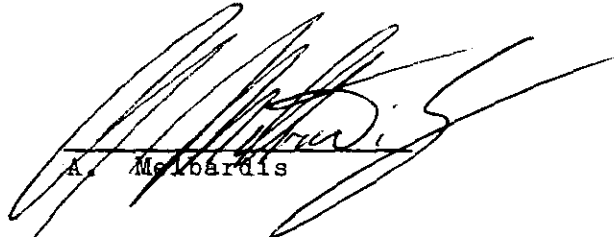
Now a few personal observations. Antonov and his landlady (also mistress), Mrs. Berta Gegenfuertner, were invited by undersigned for Thanksgiving dinner. Antonov appeared unusually nervous and ill at ease. He showed me a photograph of his daughter, a chemical engineer, who resides in Leningrad. The picture shows a young woman about thirty with a child about two years old (hard to identify whether boy or girl). Antonov gave no details as to identity of his son-in-law. Interesting in this connection is the remark made by Mrs. Gegenfuertner: "Now he's found his family and he may return! By the way, he gets furious every time I mention his possible return to the USSR". (approximate quotation)

As to how the photograph reached him, Antonov gave a rather confused account. According to him it was mailed from Brussels, and enclosed in a letter written by one of "his daughter's former college friends", who somehow obtained Antonov's address in Germany (sic!). He also told me that he learned from the letter that his daughter visited the Brussels Fair this summer with a group of Soviet tourists. Antonov denies he met his daughter in Belgium. He concluded the conversation by saying that he

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burned the letter received from Brussels and only kept his daughter's photograph.

At this time it is difficult to evaluate and verify the rumors concerning Antonov. However, we should bear in mind that he is already under pressure by the Soviets (daughter), and that he is an essentially weak person, a heavy drinker, and not adverse to females of questionable reputation.


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